

Roanoke, Town of  
(Erasmus Rhodes Barn)  
County Route 19/7  
Roanoke Vicinity  
Lewis County  
West Virginia

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Location: West Virginia County Route 19/7, Collins Settlement District, Lewis County, West Virginia.

Elevation: ca. 1100'

UTM References as given on the National Register of Historic Places Nomination form:

Zone: 17

Easting: 544130

Northing: 4311380

U.S.G.S. Map: Roanoke, West Virginia, 7.5' (1966 edition, photo revised 1979).

Present Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Present Occupant: none.

Present Use: none.

Construction Date: ca. 1860-1890.

Informants: Bertha Brinkley; Blaine Rollyson, Jr.; Lawrence G. Smith.

Historical Information: The land on which the Rhodes farm is situated was originally either part of the Samuel Hanway and James Anderson land or on that of Henry Flesher and John Hall. The confusion rests in the fact that between 1843 and 1845 Jacob Hevener purchased parcels of land which originally were part of each of these tracts. Hevener in 1859 sold an unspecified parcel of land from his holdings to Erasmus Rhodes, who had married Hevener's daughter. It appears that Rhodes received 244 acres from the original Anderson/Hanway tract and 220 acres from the original Flesher/Hall tract.

When Erasmus Rhodes died ca. 1900, his estate was inherited by his wife, Mary. Upon her death, their daughters, Grace, Ethel and Olivia inherited the family estate (ca. 254 acres). By 1934, after several property transfers (including those resulting from the deaths of Ethel Rhodes Haymond and Mary Rhodes), Grace Rhodes owned the family estate of 254 acres less ca. 9 acres.

For project information and bibliography, see ROANOKE HABS No. WV-209.

For other structures in the Roanoke area, see HABS No.s WV-209-A -S.

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## Exterior Description :

Overall Dimensions: 44'2" x 44'5."

Foundation: The foundation consists of wooden piers which also serve as framing posts.

Walls: The walls are composed of 7 1/2"-1'4" vertical plain boards covered with battens.

Framing: The framing is of heavy posts and timbers.

Roof: The roof is primarily a steep-pitch gable roof with hipped northern roof covered with raised seam sheet metal roofing.

## Interior Description (room numbers are keyed to floor plans on pages 11-12)

The lower floor of the Rhodes barn is divided into four main rooms.

Room 1 consists of manger areas for livestock, while Room 2 is composed of a series of stalls. Room 3 appears to have been used for general farm storage. The function of Room 4 is unknown. Room 5, the loft was employed for storing hay and for other general storage purposes.

Comments on door and window attributes found in the Rhodes barn are presented below according to their position in the barn. The reader is referred to the appropriate photographs and line drawings for additional information.

### Doors:

Position	Opening	Style	Hardware
<b>SOUTH WALL</b>			
<b>First Floor</b>			
Left to right	2'5" x 6'10"	6 board and 2 battens; battens on exterior	10" strap hinge; closure missing
	6'4" x 11'3"	missing	—
	3'8" x 6'7"	6 board and 2 battens	10" strap hinge; cut nails; latch consists of a board which slides through two wooden loops
<b>Second Floor</b>			
Left to right	3'7" x 5'	4 board and 2 battens	8" strap hinge
	4'8 1/2" x 5'6"	missing	8" strap hinge
	3'7" x 4'11"	4 board and 2 battens	8" strap hinge
<b>Roof Peak</b>	10' x ? (data unavailable)	missing	—

Doors (cont.)

WEST WALL

First Floor

Left to right

3'11" x 6'10 1/2'

6 board and 2 battens;  
battens on  
exterior

8" strap hinge;  
wooden loop-  
shaped handle

EAST WALL

First Floor

Left to right

3'11" x 6'2"

6 board and 2 battens

10" strap hinge

Windows:

Position

Opening

Style

Hardware

WEST WALL

First Floor

Left to right

2' x 2'

opening

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1'11" x 2'

opening

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2' x 2'

3 board and 1 batten;  
furring strips on  
exterior

4" strap hinge;  
secured on interior  
with large, forged  
eye hook

NORTH WALL

First Floor

Left to right

1'11" x 2'1 1/2"

opening

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1'10" x 2'

3 board and 1 batten;  
furring strips on  
exterior

4" strap hinges

1'11" x 2'2"

opening

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EAST WALL

First Floor

Left to right

1'11" x 2'1 1/2"

3 board and 1 batten;  
furring strips on  
exterior

4" strap hinges

2'2" x 3'9"

opening

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1'11 1/2" x 2'

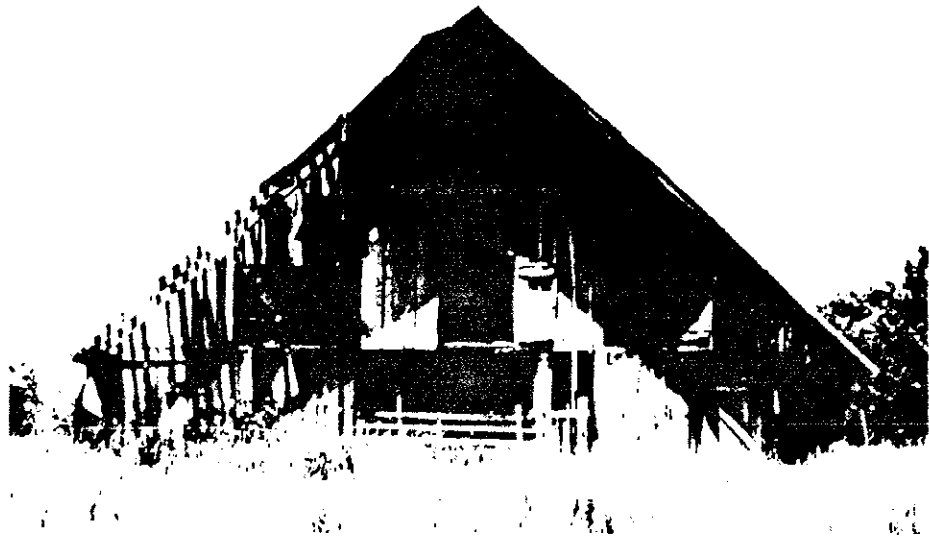
3 board and 1 batten;  
furring strips on  
exterior

4" strap hinges

1'11 1/2" x 2'

opening

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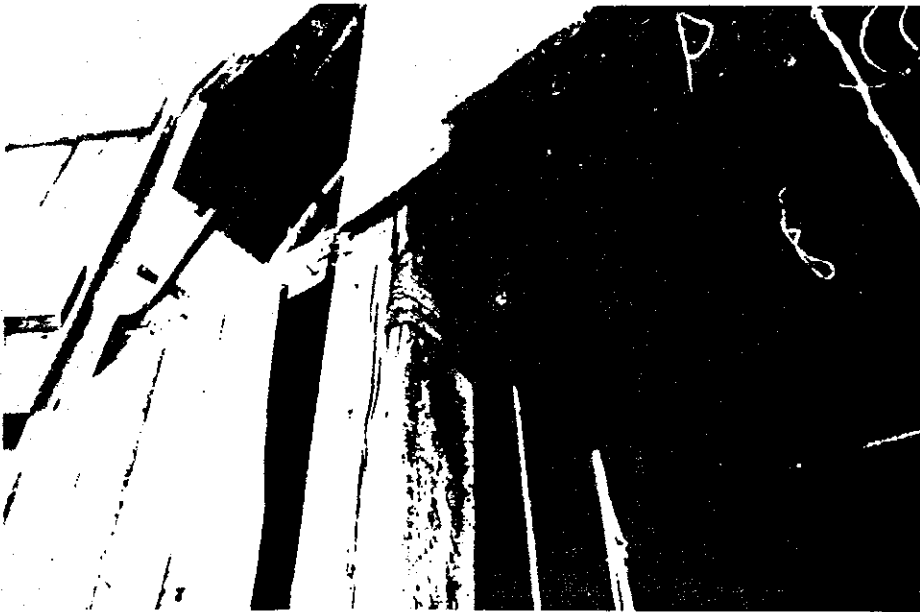
Perspective control photograph of the south elevation of the Rhodes barn in 1981.



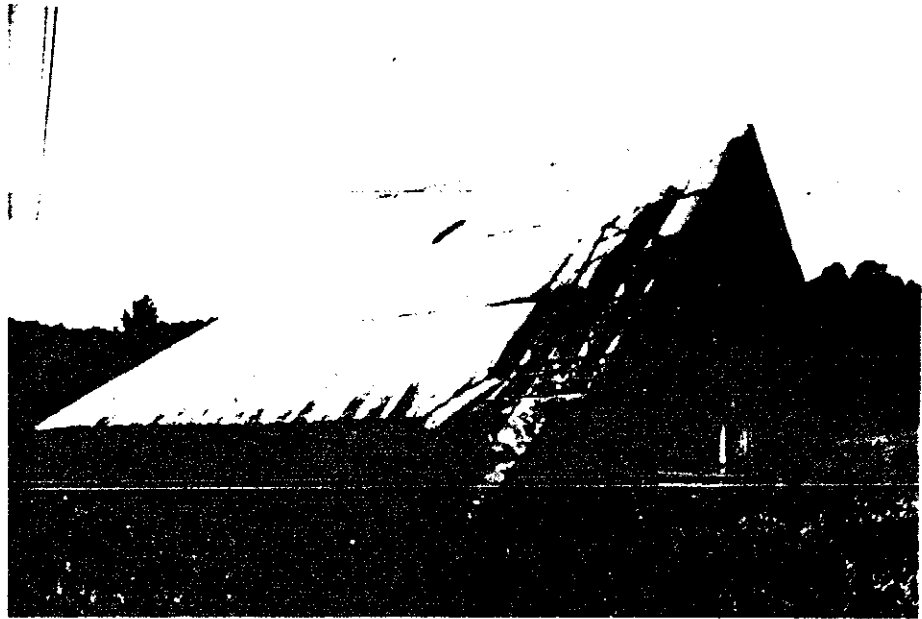
Close-up of gable end details at the southwest corner of the Rhodes barn in 1981.



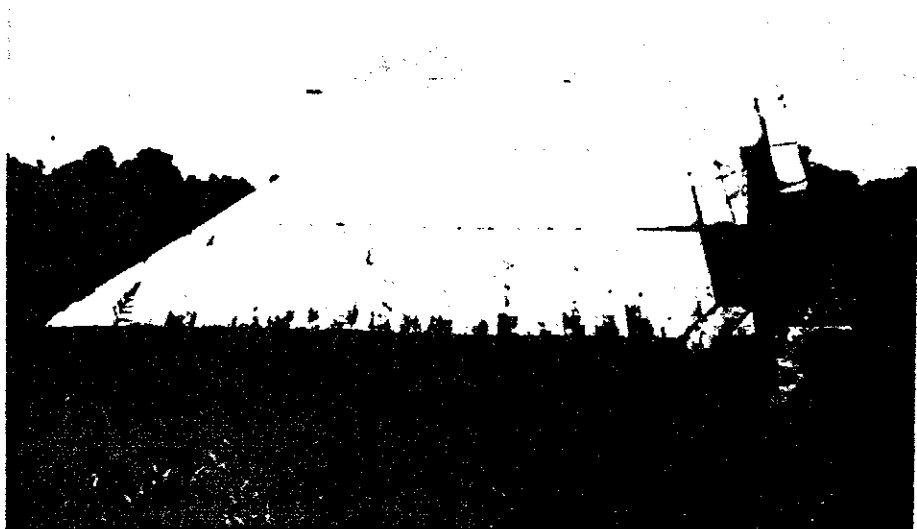
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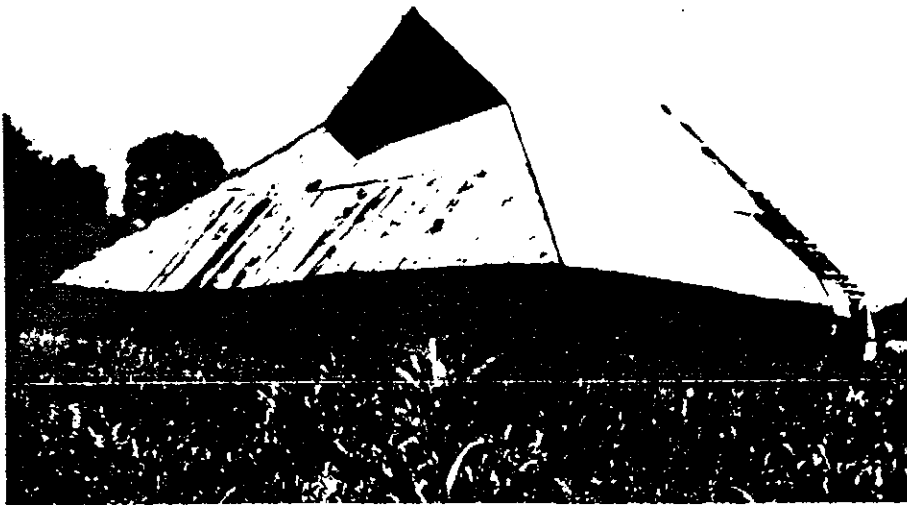
Close-up of construction attributes along the south elevation of the Rhodes  
barn in 1981.



Perspective control photograph of the south and west elevations of the Rhodes barn in 1981.



Perspective control photograph of the west elevation of the Rhodes barn in 1981.

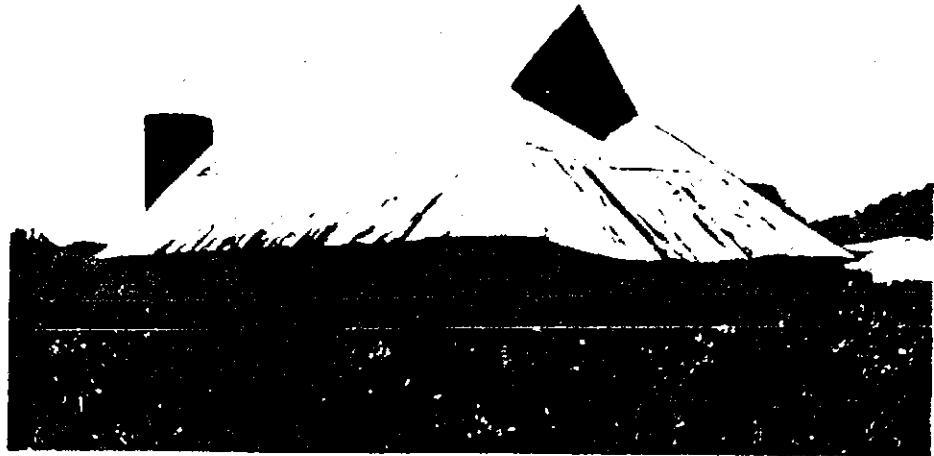


Perspective control photograph of the west and north elevations of the Rhodes barn in 1981.

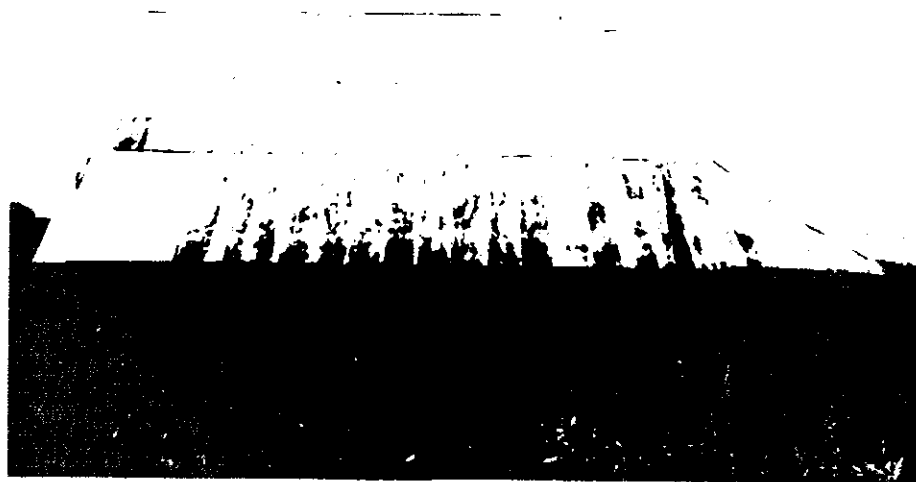


Perspective control photograph of the north elevation of the Rhodes barn in 1981.





Perspective control photograph of the north and east elevations of the Rhodes barn in 1981.



Perspective control photograph of the east elevation of the Rhodes barn in 1981.



The east and south elevations of the Rhodes barn in 1981.



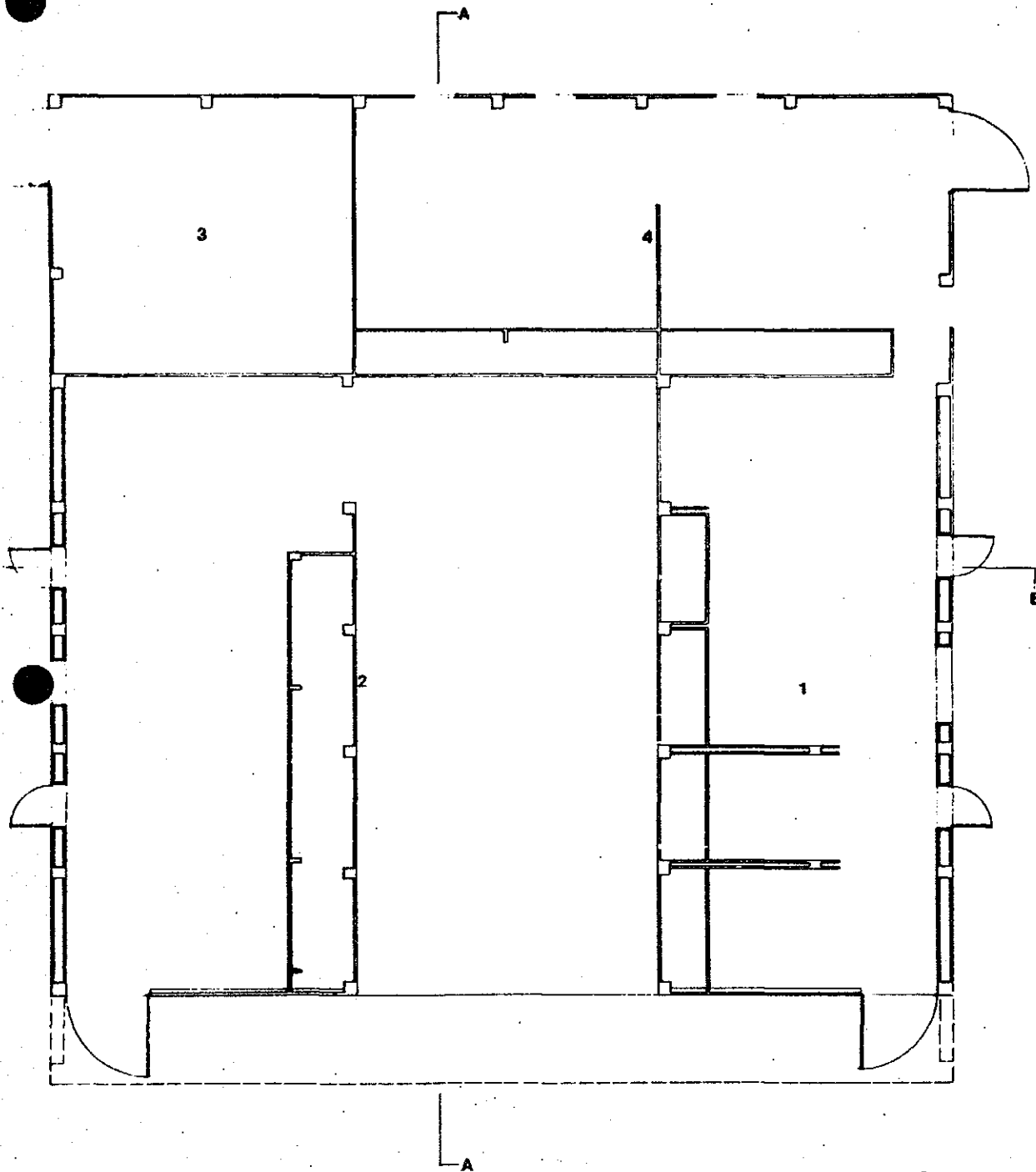
Manger in Room 1 of the Rhodes barn in 1981



Stall in Room 2 of the  
Rhodes barn in 1981



Close-up of loft construction details in the Rhodes barn in 1981. Note  
purlins, tie beam and struts

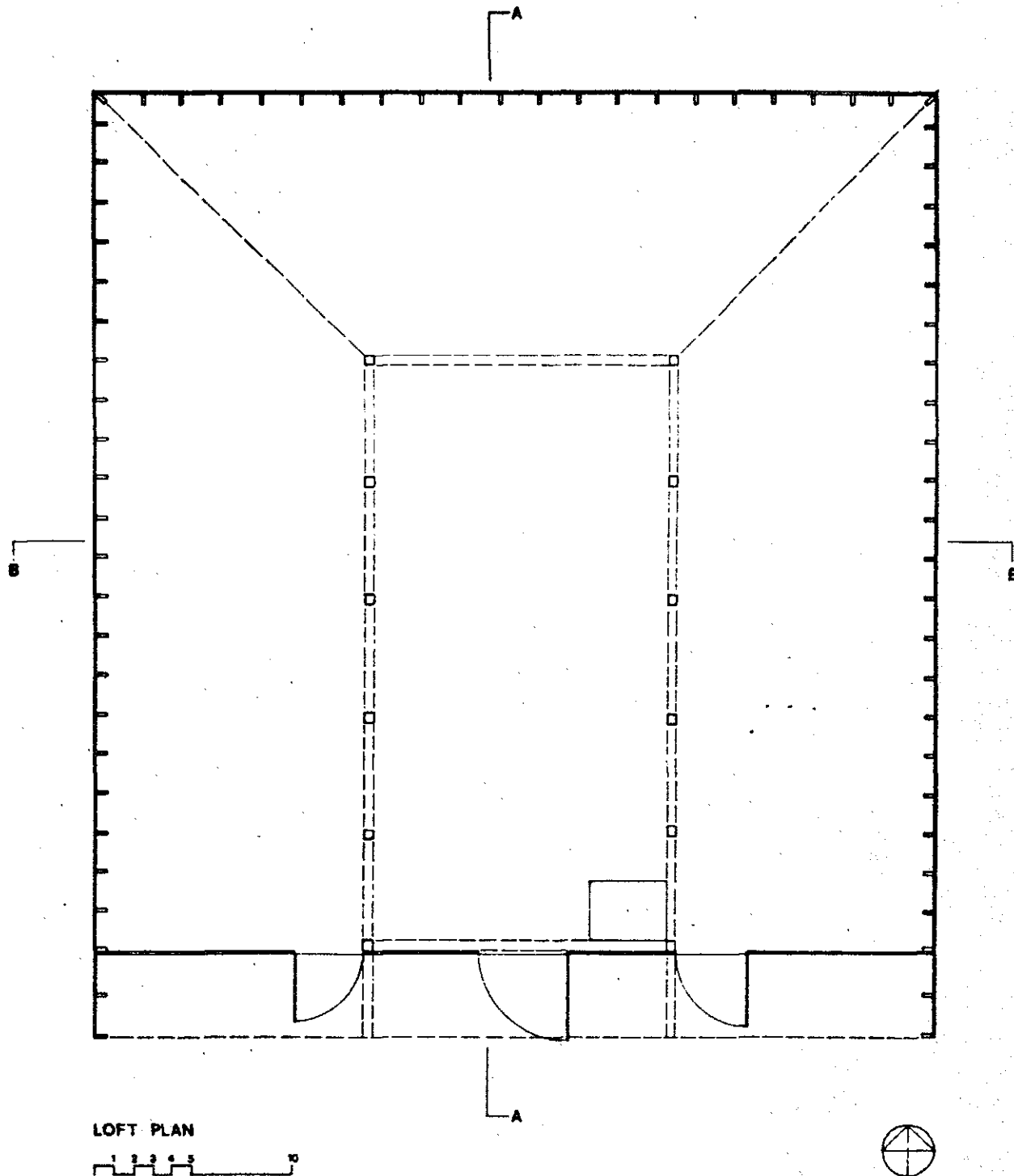


GROUND FLOOR PLAN

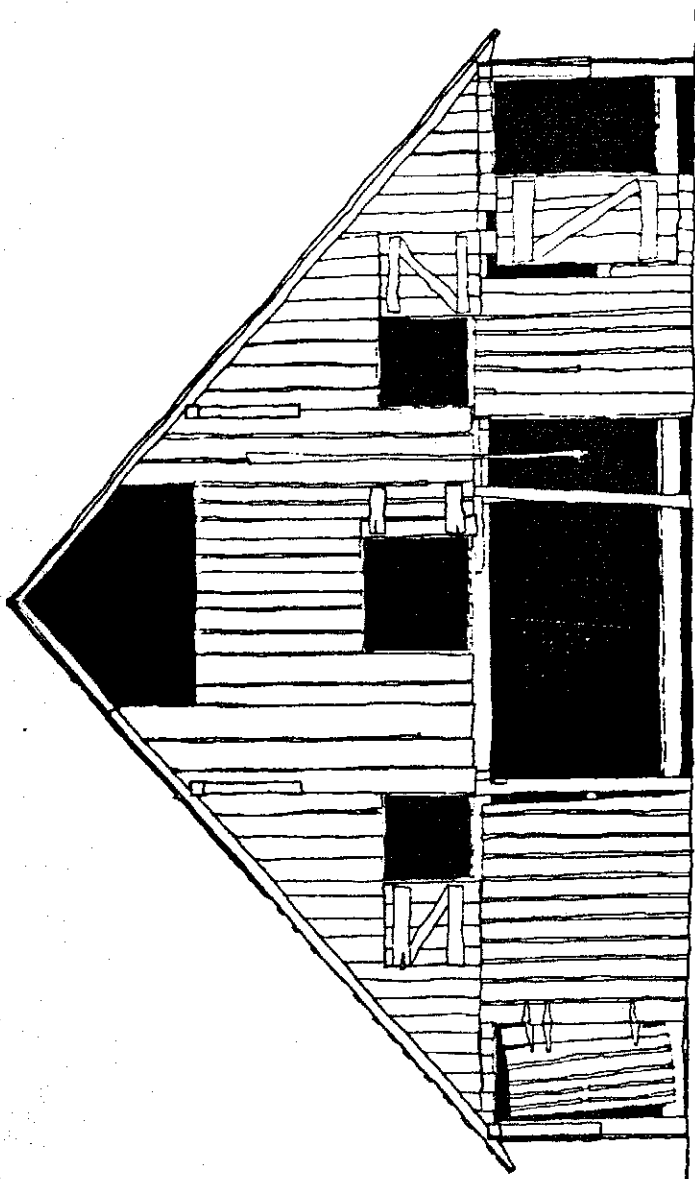


Floor plan of the Rhodes barn.



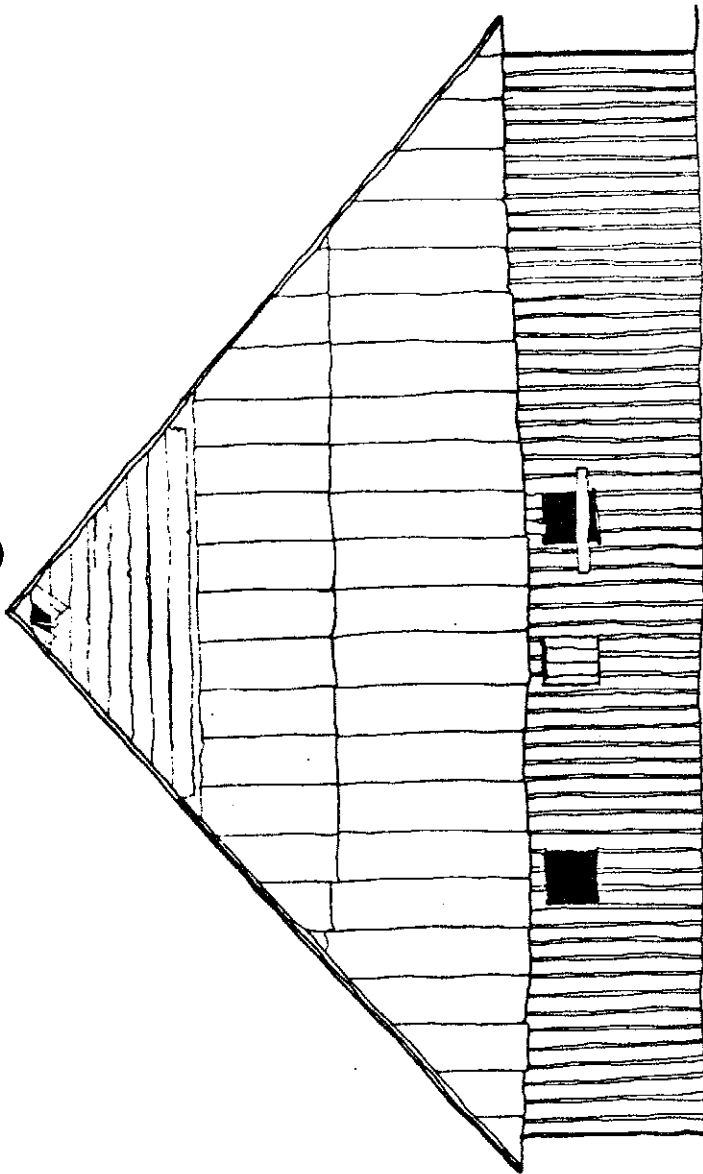


Loft floor plan of the Rhodes barn.



SOUTH ELEVATION  
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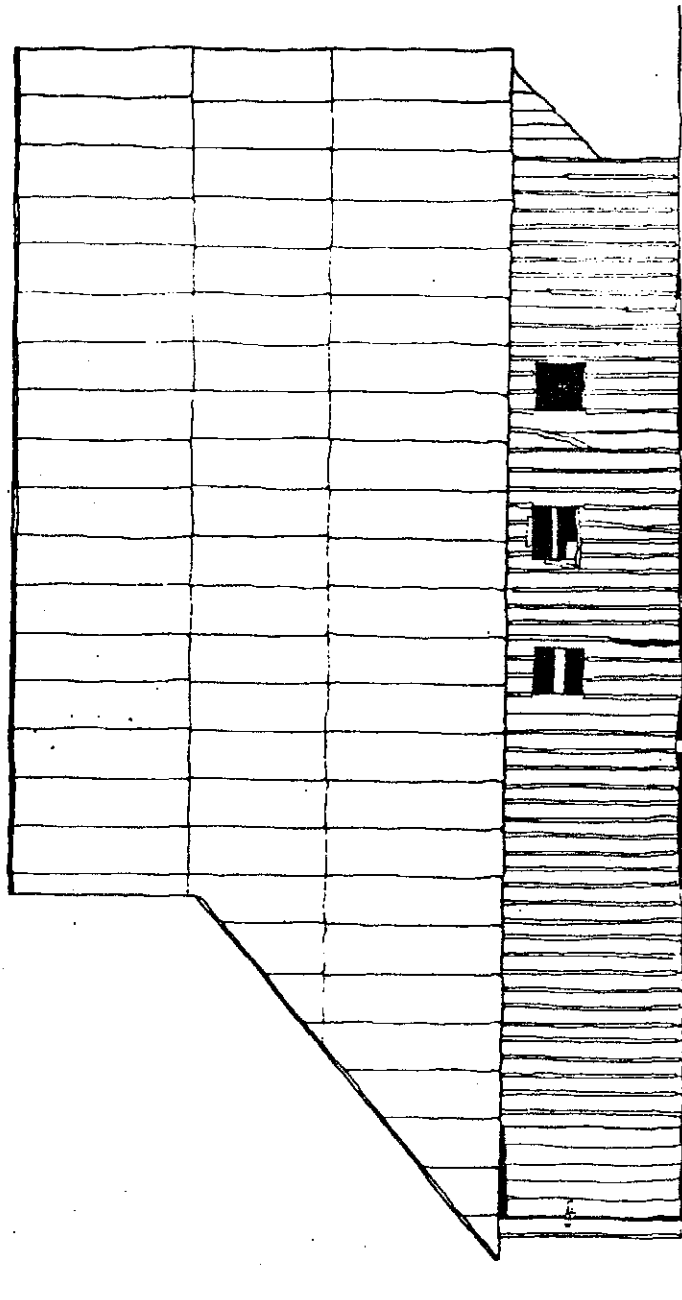
South elevation of the Rhodes barn.



NORTH ELEVATION



North elevation of the Rhodes barn.

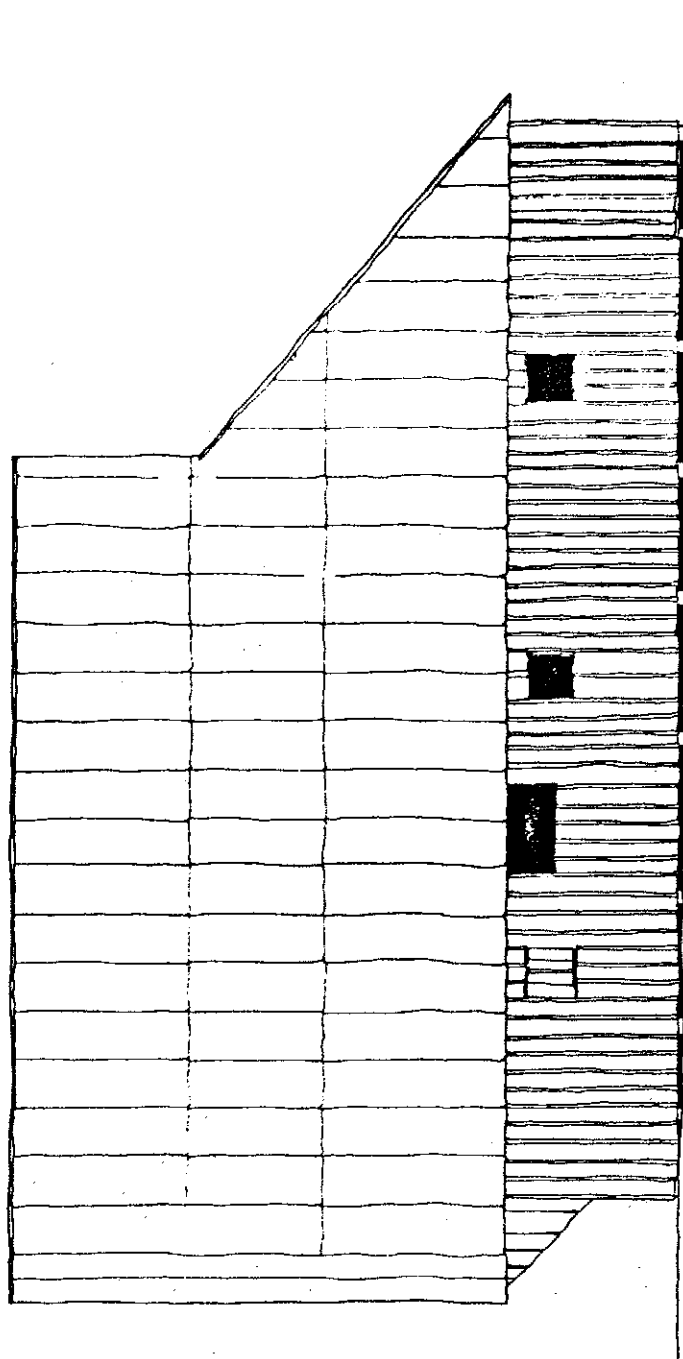


WEST ELEVATION

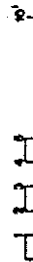


West elevation of the Rhodes barn.

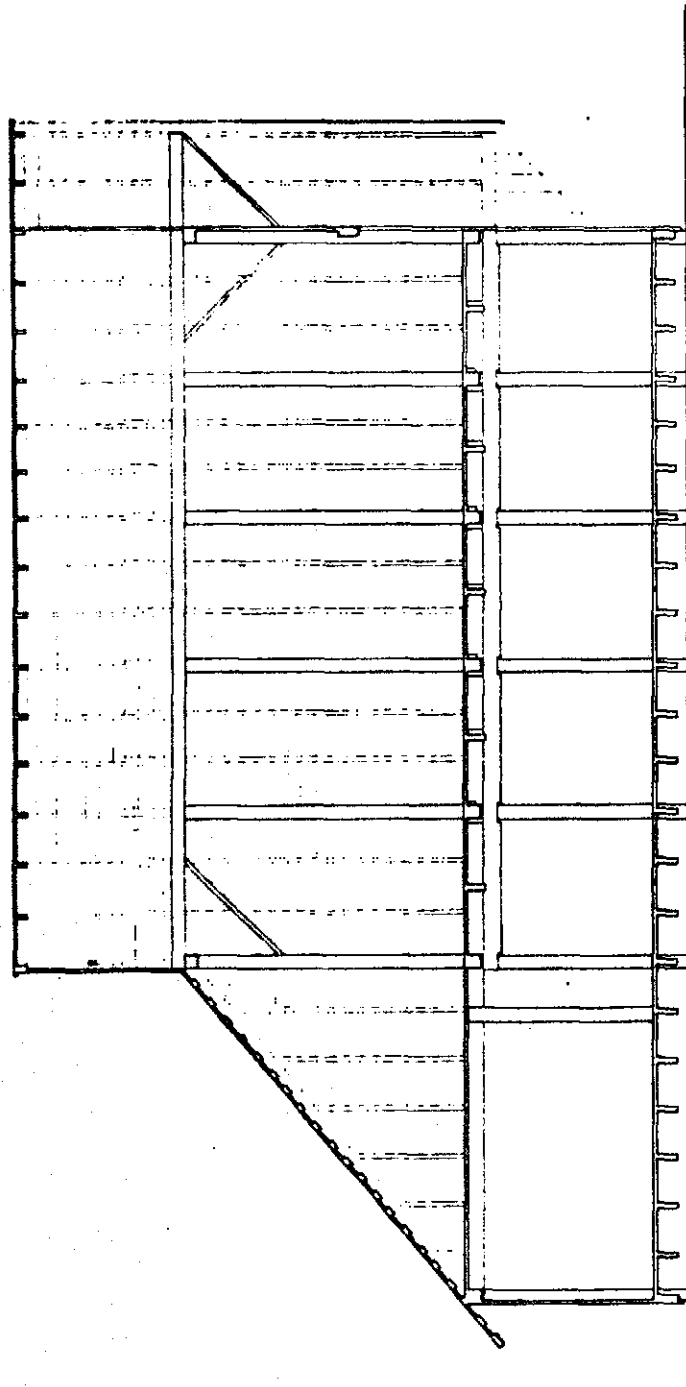




EAST ELEVATION



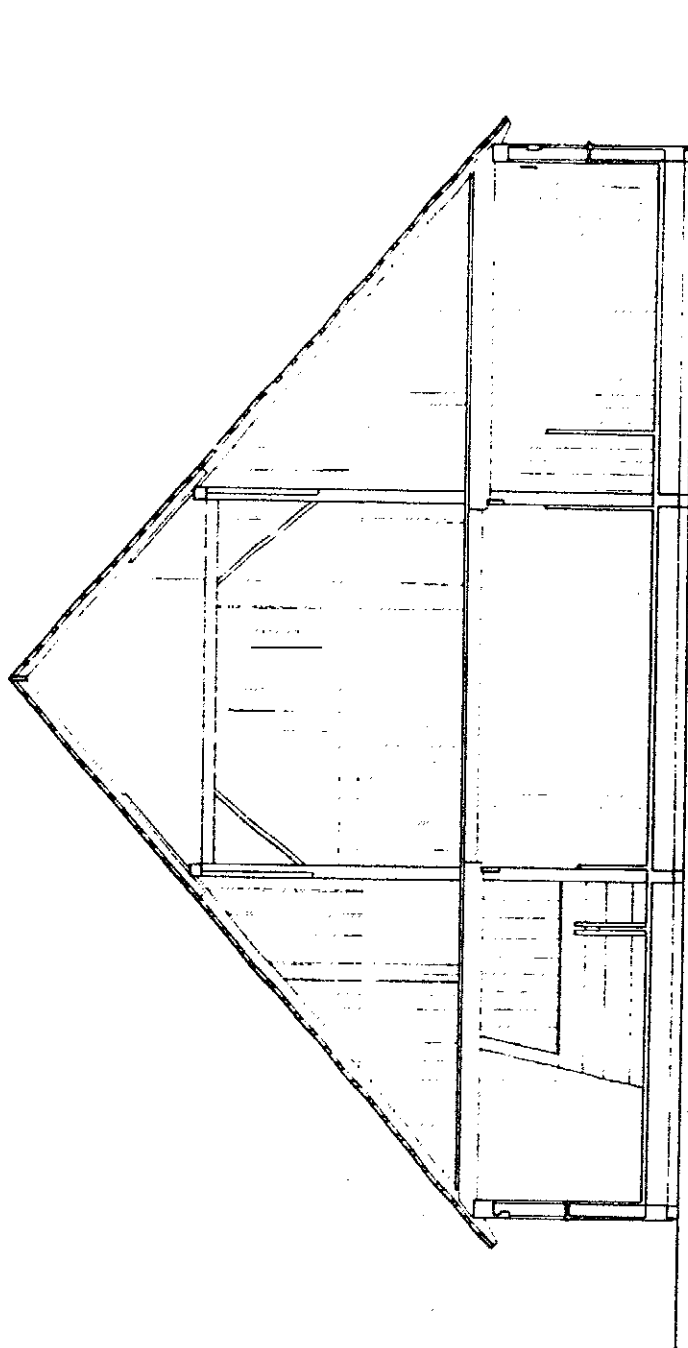
East elevation of the Rhodes barn.



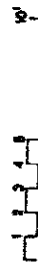
SECTION A-A



Longitudinal section (A-A) through the Rhodes barn.



SECTION B-B



Transverse section (B-B) through the Rhodes barn.